

(24:1-2). How different things are under the Torah than under the New Covenant. Under the Torah **the Israelites** had to worship **at a distance**, but **in Christ you, who once were far away, have been brought near through the** shedding of **Messiah's blood (Ephesians 2:13).**

Then Moses went and told the people everything that YHVH had said in **Chapter 20** and the commandments in **Chapters 21** through **23**. Words mean something in the Bible. When **God** says that **He** gives us **eternal life (John 10:28)**, **He** means **eternal**. And when the Bible says that **Moshe told the people everything that YHVH had said**, it means **EVERYTHING**. **Judaism teaches that ADONAI gave additional commandments orally to Moses** (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ, to see link click Ei - The Oral Law**), **which they consider of even greater authority than the Torah**. But Exodus 24:3 disproves the existence of **an oral tradition** because it says that **Moses wrote down EVERYTHING that YHVH had said**. And **everything** means **everything!**

The people responded with one voice saying: **Everything ADONAI has said we will do (24:3)**. With this **oath of allegiance**, **they** agreed to obey the Torah. It was the second time **they** had done so. **They** were so self-confident, that it bordered on arrogance. **They** promised to obey **everything God** had **said** that **they** should **do** even before **they** knew what would be expected of **them!** One wonders how **they** could be so deceived. One wonders how we can be so deceived. **If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (First John 1:8)**. **If you say you have no sin** you won't be deceiving your friends or your neighbors, you will be deceiving yourself. And in case you missed it, **John** repeats again: **If we say we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us (First John 1:10)**. But **God** is no **liar**. It is best not to boast in our goodness like **the children of Isra'el** did, because as you will see, **they** did not keep **their** word.⁴⁵⁷